

WAC 296-307-65016 Use nonentry rescue systems or methods whenever possible.

You must:

- Use nonentry retrieval systems or methods to rescue entrants in a permit-required confined space unless this:
 - Would increase the overall risk of injury to entrants; or
 - Would not contribute to the rescue of the entrant.
- Make sure each entrant uses a chest or full-body harness, with a retrieval line attached to the harness at one of the following locations:
 - At the center of the employee's back, near shoulder level.
 - Above the employee's head.
 - At another point which presents a profile small enough for the successful removal of the employee.
- Attach the retrieval line to a mechanical device or fixed point outside the space, so rescue can begin as soon as necessary.
- Make sure a mechanical device is available to retrieve entrants from vertical spaces more than five feet (1.52 m) deep.

Note: When you can demonstrate that the use of a chest or full-body harness is not feasible or creates a greater hazard, then you may use wristlets or another method shown to be the safest and most effective alternative.

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